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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REVISION TO FY-78 US DEFENSE BUDGET

REF: STATE 039047 (DTG 202221Z FEB 77)

1. WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS INQUIRIES AT THE WORKING LEVEL FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND VARIOUS DELEGATIONS CONCERNING THE EFFECT ON US FORCES FOR NATO OF RECENT REVISIONS TO THE US DEFENSE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978. THIS SUBJECT WAS ALSO RAISED AT MARCH 1 PERMREPS' LUNCH (SEPTEL). TO DATE, SYG LUNS HAS NOT SHARED THE CONTENTS OF HIS LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE (REFTEL) WITH OTHER PERMREPS OR EVEN WITH HIS ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GENERAL ON THE DEFENSE SIDE. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO ASK HIM TO DO SO, IF ONLY TO FOCUS OFFICIAL ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THE ALLIANCE ON FACTS WHICH ARE ALREADY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.
2. FOR NUMEROUS REASONS THERE IS NO, REPEAT NO, NECESSITY FOR THE US TO "CONSULT" ON THE REDUCTIONS PROPOSED BY THE CARTER AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 1978 BUDGET. WE NOTE THAT EVEN WITH THE REDUCTIONS, OUTLAYS WILL RISE BY 11.6
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PERCENT IN MONETARY TERMS OVER FY-77, WHICH IS 0.3 PERCENT GREATER THAN THE FIGURE DECLARED TO NATO LAST FALL. DESPITE THIS, THERE ARE PROGRAM CHANGES OF INTEREST TO THE ALLIANCE (E.G., INCREASES IN PREPOSITIONED STOCKS, ACCELERATION OF AIRCRAFT SHELTER CONSTRUCTION, CANCELLATION OF NON-NUCLEAR LANCE). WE BELIEVE CIRCULATION BY LUNS OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO OTHER PERMREPS AND THE NMAS WOULD CLEAR THE AIR AND OBTAIN THE NECESSITY FOR ANY TYPE OF FORMAL CONSULTATIONS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE TO SUGGEST TO LUNS THAT HE CIRCULATE HIS LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY, AND ANY RESPONSE HE HAS MADE OR PLANS TO MAKE TO IT, AS A PO FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE ALLIANCE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OOB, MARCH 7. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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